of institutions, commencement of programmes, sanction of additional intake, and norms and standards for all teacher education programmes, including B.Ed course.

(b) No officer of the Regional Offices of the NCTE has been apprehended by any investigative agency against complaints of corruption.

(c) The Government has issued directions to the NCTE under section 29 of the NCTE Act, 1993 for revising the National Council for Teacher Education (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2007 to ensure that quality of teacher education is maintained.

Releasing salary of employees by Delhi University

1453.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University has not released the salary of its employees for their participation in the strike declared by the Delhi University and College Karamchari Union (DUCKU) one year back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the University is thinking of releasing the said salary and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) According to information furnished by the University of Delhi, as per the extant Executive Council Resolution and the standing instructions of University Grants Commission that the principle of 'No Work - No Pay' be applied for the period of any strike, the employees of Delhi University and its colleges, who participated in the illegal strike from 7th January to 8th February 2007, are not entitled to salary for the period of strike. It has further reported that there is no proposal under consideration of the University for releasing the salary for the strike period.

Three language formula in States

1454.DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is still keen on implementing the three language formula in all the States and Union Territories, in view of national integration;

(b) whether it is serious enough about the development of languages specified in the Eighth Schedule; and

(c) if so, what are the steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992, provides for implementation by the State Governments of the three-language formula which includes the study of a modern India language, preferably one of the southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in the Hindi-speaking States, and of Hindi along with the regional language and English in the Non-Hindi-speaking States. The National Curriculum Framework, 2005, reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of the three language formula.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, a subordinate office under Ministry of Human Resource Development, through its seven regional language centres has taken up development programmes in 20 scheduled languages. It has also strengthened the teaching of these languages as mother tongue and as second languages. Since many of the scheduled languages are also the official languages of different States, steps are being taken by both the Central and the State Governments to strengthen the different domains of language use including education, mass media and administration.

Women judges

1455. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is increasing the number of women judges in all the courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status regarding ratio of women judges in each court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Appointments of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts are made under articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India, respectively, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record & Anr. vs. Union of India, read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the entire process of initiation of the proposal for appointment of a Judge of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Government has, nonetheless, requested the Chief Justices of the High Courts, from time to time, to locate, *inter alia*, women from the Bar who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

Under Article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the Members of the subordinate judiciary in the States vests with the concerned High Court and the State Governments.

(d) A Statement showing the number of women judges in higher judiciary is enclosed.

Statement

Number of women judges in higher judiciary

As on 10.12.2008

Sl.No.	Name of Court	Working strength	No. of women Judges
1	2	3	4
A.	**Supreme Court of India**	21	-
B.	**High Courts**		
1	Allahabad	73	03
2	Andhra Pradesh	30	02
3	Bombay	60	06
4	Calcutta	40	02
5	Chhattisgarh	6	-